

House Resolution No. 2069

**Whereas**, it is with utmost respect that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause in their daily legislative endeavors in order to recognize those Show-Me State residents who truly embody the concept of "Outstanding Missourian" through their deeds and achievements; and

**Whereas**, the Honorable James R. Bickel of Nevada, Missouri, has attained considerable distinction as a jurist who has served as Presiding Circuit Judge of the 28th Judicial Circuit in the state of Missouri since 2001; and

**Whereas**, on April 14, 2005, Judge James Bickel will meet with state legislators in the Missouri House of Representatives to receive well-deserved honors and accolades for the exemplary role he has performed in Missouri as a community leader; and

**Whereas**, Judge James Bickel prepared for his lifelong endeavors by earning a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Missouri-Columbia in 1968 and a Juris Doctorate from the MU School of Law in 1973; and

**Whereas**, after serving in the United States Army from 1968 to 1970 and earning a Vietnam Service Medal and a Bronze Star, Judge James Bickel entered the private practice of law in 1973 with the firm Russell, Brown, Bickel and Breckenridge and became a Municipal Judge in 1976; and

**Whereas**, Judge James Bickel has developed and maintained an exemplary reputation for leadership activities with the Nevada Rotary Club, Elks Lodge #564, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Nevada Optimist Club, Moss Pre-School and Day Care Center, Incorporated, Board of Directors, Nevada-Vernon County Chamber of Commerce, Nevada Country Club, Osage Prairie YMCA Board of Directors, Vernon County Preschool and Education Council, Incorporated, Nevada United Methodist Church, and Dr. Vern T. Bickel Medical Scholarship Fund; and

**Whereas**, born on July 24, 1946, in Lamar, Missouri, into the family of Dr. and Mrs. Vern Bickel, Judge James Bickel is the beloved husband of Sherry Culbertson Bickel; the loving father of Amy, Barry, and Trent; and the grandfather of Natalie Grammer:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the well-deserved selection of Judge James Bickel as an Outstanding Missourian, and to extend to him this legislative body's most heartfelt welcome to the state capitol on April 14, 2005, for special recognition as a guest in the House Chamber; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of "Outstanding Missourian" James R. Bickel of Nevada, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Barney Fisher  
District No. 125

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2069, adopted April 12, 2005.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker